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Londell E. White Pleads Guilty to Drug Charges

BISMARCK - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced that on January 31, 2006, **Londell E. White**, 39, of Federal Heights, Colorado, pleaded guilty before United States District Court Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribute a controlled substance and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Between April 2004 and October 2005 **White** and other conspirators distributed methamphetamine, marijuana, and cocaine in the Bismarck-Mandan area. **White** was arrested on October 13, 2005, in possession of approximately one-and-a-half pounds of methamphetamine and 19 pounds of marijuana at 827 West Sweet Avenue, Bismarck.

The charge of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribute a controlled substance carries a statutory penalty of 10 years' to life imprisonment and the charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon carries a statutory penalty of up to 10 years' imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Metro Area Narcotics Task Force, with the assistance of the Burleigh County State's Attorney's Office. The Metro Area Narcotics Task Force includes officers from the Bismarck and Mandan Police Departments; the Burleigh and Morton County Sheriff's Offices; and the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Sentencing for **White** has been scheduled for April 24, 2006, in United States District Court in Bismarck, North Dakota, at 10:00 a.m.

Special Assistant United States Attorney Paul Emerson prosecuted the case.

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